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Mr. Stanton Sobel
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Subject: Summary of Taracorp Operations
St. Louis Park, Minnesota
Granite City, Illinois

Dear Mr. Sobel:

Exhibit B of NL's March 8, 1985 Administrative Order and Response Order by Consent for the St. Louis Park Site requires NL's consultant to prepare an Area Evaluation Report which must include:

- "b. A narrative history of the lead smelting facility as operated by NL for the time period from first operation until 1979. This history shall include a description of smelting operations conducted by NL as those operations may have impacted the RI/FS Area, including a narrative history of significant changes and alterations to the plant processes such as the installation of pollution abatement equipment; and
- c. to the extent possible, the information requested [above], for the period of operation by Taracorp."

Section F of the March 1985 draft Agreement and Administrative Order by Consent for the Granite City Site requires NL to prepare a Remedial Investigation which also must provide:

- "2. A reasonable history of all lead smelting and other processes at this plant site...
- 3. A general description of the current operations and associated lead processing industries at Taracorp..."

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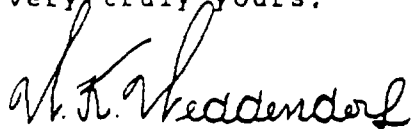
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Accordingly, please make arrangements for obtaining all reasonably, if at all possible, retrievable applicable files within 1 week. Please note that I do not need daily operating logs, etc. These should be shipped directly to the following contractor with whom NL has a confidentiality agreement:

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please telephone me at 609-443-2499.

Very truly yours,



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